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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE: APPLICATION OF)

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BACKFRAME FOR SELF CONTAINED

SERIAL NO. 08/926,788)

BREATHING APPARATUS

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EXAMINER: SRIVASTAVA)

ART UNIT: 3735)

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Please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

Amend the claims as follows:

1 (Twice Amended). A backframe, for a self contained breathing apparatus, said self contained breathing apparatus including an air tank, and control components for controlling the flow of air from said air tank, said backframe comprising a shell including a rear wall having a forward side and a rearward side, said rearward side being shaped and adapted to receive said air tank thereagainst, side walls fixed to said rear wall and extending forwardly of said rear wall, [and] a closure plate receivable by said side walls for enclosing said shell to provide a water tight enclosure between said rear wall and said closure plate, said control components of (said self contained breathing apparatus being